

Remarks

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action dated as mailed May 23, 2006. After the above amendments have been made, the present application contains claims 1, 3-13, 16-20, 22-25, and 27. Claims 1, 4, 9, 13, 20, 22, 25, and 27 have been amended. Claims 2, 14, 15, 21, and 26 have been canceled.

Claim Objections

Claim 13 was objected to because of the informality that in line 3, claim 13 recites "if" which is an optional recitation indicating the limitation following does not have to take place. Claim 13 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdraw of the rejection to claim 13 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1, 4, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. As suggested by the examiner, claims 1, 4 and 13 have been amended to recited "a method of searching-by number implemented in a communications device or a computing device." Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 4 and 13 satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101, and reconsideration and withdraw of the rejection of claims 1, 4, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully solicited.

Claims 25, 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 25 and 27 have been amended to recite "a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions, when executed or processed on a computer or communications device performs a method comprising ..." Claims 26 has been cancelled. Therefore, claims 25 and 27 are submitted to recite patentable subject matter, and reconsideration and withdraw of the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection of claims 25 and 27 is respectfully requested.

Claims 13, 20 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being non-statutory subject matter because they merely recite a number of computing steps without producing any tangible result and/or being limited to a practical application. Claim 13 has been amended to recite “displaying the matched list.” Additionally, claims 20 and 25 have been amended to recite a similar feature. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 13, 20 and 25 recite statutory subject matter as defined by 35 U.S.C. §101, and reconsideration and withdraw of the Section 101 rejection of claims 13, 20 and 25 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the present application are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims at the earliest possible date are respectfully solicited.

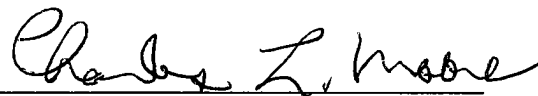
If the Examiner has any questions about the present Amendment or anticipates finally rejecting any claim of the present application, a telephone interview is requested.

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